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REMARKS

The amended specification (paragraph 0178) filed 03/28/2005 was objected to. The objection is submitted to be moot because the amended specification is amended to delete the added language.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 43, 54-80 and 83-84 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The rejection is submitted to be moot because the recitation of about 30% polyethylene, associated with the specification amendment is deleted in amended claim 1, from which the other claims depend.

Claims 66-68 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The rejection is also submitted to be moot because the amended claims 66-68 now recite the first and second coextruded layers having such flow properties.

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16-18, 20-42, 45, 47, 49, and 51 from consideration. Applicants respectfully request that, should the elected species be found allowable, the withdrawn claims will be considered and examined by the examiner and that applicants be afforded an opportunity to amend the withdrawn claims.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 43, 54-68, 73-80, and 83-84 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Fanselow. The rejection is submitted to be moot because the claims are amended, as the examiner suggested during the interview, to recite the second coextruded layer consisting essentially of ionomer or ionomer-polyamide blend and because the recitation of ionomer-polyethylene blend has been deleted.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 43, 54-69, 73-80, and 83-84 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Mientus. The rejection is also submitted to be moot for the reasons discussed above under the rejection over Fanselow.

The claims, as amended, comply with the 35 USC 112 requirements and are not described by Fanselow or Mientus. Applicants therefore respectfully request that, when the claims are found allowable, applicants be allowed to amend those withdrawn claims such that the scope of these claims confirms with the allowable claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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